NOTICE OF A COMBINED PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED SALEM CREEK CONNECTOR FROM RAMS DRIVE [FORMERLY STADIUM DRIVE] (STATE ROAD 4326) TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DRIVE (S.R. 4325)

TIP Project No. U-2925

Forsyth County

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will hold an open house followed by a public hearing on Monday, Jan. 30, 2012 at the Anderson Conference Center at Winston-Salem State University, located at 601 S. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Winston-Salem.

NCDOT representatives will be available at the pre-hearing open house in the McNeil Banquet Hall between 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. to answer questions and receive comments regarding the proposed project. The opportunity to submit written comments or questions will also be provided. Interested citizens may attend at any time during the above hours.

A formal presentation will begin at 7 p.m. in Dillard Auditorium. The presentation will consist of an explanation of the proposed location, the design, the state-federal relationship, and right-of-way and relocation requirements and procedures. Citizens will have the opportunity to comment or ask questions. The presentation and comments will be recorded, and a transcript will be prepared.

NCDOT proposes to construct a four-lane median divided facility on new location between Rams Drive [formerly Stadium Drive] (S.R. 4326) and Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive (S.R. 4325). A connection to Salem Avenue will also be provided on the western end of the project. The project will include the reconstruction and realignment of the Diggs Boulevard / U.S. 52-311/N.C. 8 interchange and removal of the ramps at the Rams Drive (S.R. 4326) / U.S. 52-311/N.C. 8 interchange. This project is about 1 mile in length.

The purpose of the project is to improve access to U.S. 52 for the area surrounding Winston-Salem State University, Salem Academy and College, and the proposed Piedmont Triad Research Park and improve system linkage for east-west traffic in this area of Winston-Salem.

Maps displaying the location and design of the project and a copy of the Environmental Assessment (EA) are available for public review at the NCDOT Division Engineer's Office, located at 375 Silas Creek Parkway, Winston-Salem and at Winston-Salem City Hall South – Suite 307, located at 100 East First St. The maps are also available online at:

http://www.ncdot.org/doh/preconstruct/highway/roadway/hearingmaps by county/

Anyone desiring additional information may contact Jamille Robbins, NCDOT-Human Environment Unit at 1598 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1598, by phone at (919) 707-6085, or via e-mail at jarobbins@ncdot.gov. Comments may be submitted until Feb. 14, 2012.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who want to participate in this hearing. Anyone requiring special services should contact Robbins as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.